

was here. But I have not
had time to see them, I shall
ask for the Compositae soon -

I am revising *Solidago* (having
got thro' with E. L. Greene's papers),
and I have Willdenow's all
kindly lent me - I thank, to
Eichler - I have looked over
the Linnaean, and shall now
critically examine the Brit.
list, Kew. species of the ~~British~~
Franksonian Herbarium. I
will also look at Smith, but
tho. that is not of much conse-
quence. The wild wild sp.
of *Solidago* are very consultable
to me, on the whole, but a few
old species of cultivation are
still puzzling, and will proba-
bly continue to be so.

Midland House, Kew. June 24/77

My dear Watson

Many thanks for your kind
long letter, which we were glad to
receive, and shall always be grate-
ful for mine whenever you have the
time and will to write.

Our hands are very full in this
busy season & place. - trying to
combine ~~the~~ botanical work with
some society for Mrs. Gray & self.
And the days are now so very
long that there is almost no
evening left for writing.

Something came up to day to
interest you. Benthams, having
worked through thro' mass of
Erenoclea is now picking up
the outlying names or little
known genera. Your good
genus *Erenochloa* he just
found out is in danger thro.
Erenochloa, House, in Pl.
Zuhubutianae. - a genus.

which neither he nor Miguel
have seen; but Benth. thinks
it must fall into Noyria
(if I correctly caught the
name), yet there is something
difficult in the character. We
shall soon see.

Bentham is aging, but holds
out wonderfully, and it is
astounding how he works.

I see a good deal of him -
His room is on the floor above
my table in the lower gallery,
but every day he comes to
me with something or other,
to show or to ask something -
to discuss some point of
nomenclature which has come up,
or the like.

Forster's Mexican Grasses
are not even here yet. It,
has printed, but not published
considerable on them. And
when I went to Paris, I helped
to induce It. to let Bentham

have a copy of the sheets, in
which It. has proposed various
genera. B. ought to have
specimens too, but has not
got them.

I am promised the continua-
tion of the distribution of those
Mexican collections at Paris.
But the Grasses are still in
Forster's hands, when they
come back, I thinking, the
curator will distribute them,
and will probably not forget
us. Prof. Gouan, the Director
of the Herbarium is the man to
remind of this.

We must send as many
specimens as we can to the
Paris herbarium. They have not
funds for buying much.

The distribution of Palmer's
collections must have taken a
deal of your time. They
have been unpacked and looked